

JEFF McCARN MAKES PLAIN HIS POSITION FOR A 'SQUARE DEAL'

Tells Democrats at Banquet That Party Lines Disappear at Entrance to His Office, Where All Are Promised Equal Justice—Wit Sparkles in Place of Wine at Initial Public Appearance of New U. S. District Attorney

Wit sparkled instead of wine at the banquet tendered by the Democrats of Honolulu in honor of Jeff McCarn—everybody calls him Jeff, he said, so—at the Moose headquarters last night. Mr. McCarn spoke straight from the shoulder and declared himself as against wrongdoing and the wrongdoer, irrespective of race, social position or social degree or stripe of politics; exchanged salutes with the Republicans in attendance and good-naturedly accepted their retorts. Figuratively speaking, the Bourbons shed their coats, rolled up their sleeves—not for the traditional Democratic purpose of a fight—and got together for several hours of pleasant interchange of thought. Got together in a manner that, it is prophesied, will prove advantageous to the party as a whole and to the members as individuals.

This was Jeff McCarn's initial public appearance in Honolulu and Democrats and Republicans alike were on the qui vive. All were anxious to hear what the new United States district attorney had to say and how he would say it. Other speakers, and good ones, were on the bill for the evening, but they had been heard before, while Jeff McCarn was to be heard for the first time. It was up to him to establish himself and by his words was he to be judged. He made good. Republican and Democrat joined in the applause which followed his remarks, which told, without mincing words, his position as regards his office. Profusely sprinkled with witticisms, as becomes a native of the sunny southland, Mr. McCarn delivered an address that rang true to his hearers. Each point he started out to make he made, often using some story of the "Land of Cotton" to emphasize his point. From a high state of mirth he would carry his hearers to the deepest thought as he explained in detail the principles for which he stands and which he values beyond price.

Will Play no Favorites. "At the polling booths and conventions," he said, "I know you as Republicans and as Democrats; aside from that I know you as citizens, men, neighbors and friends and in my office all political lines disappear. I am in office here as United States district attorney for the territory, not for the Democratic party. In my office all men will get the same treatment. The law abiding will get protection while the wrongdoer will get justice. Japanese, Chinese, Porto-



Clarence Wilder Ashford, toastmaster at last night's gathering of Bourbons.

guese and men of American blood will be dealt with alike. The laborer and the rich man will receive the same treatment from me.

"I expect to make enemies while here. You who today are my friends, some of you will be my enemies at some future date. And I am a man who would rather make friends than enemies. I love to love people and to be loved. But, my enemies will be the wrongdoers. Honest people I hope will love me, while I shall be just as proud of the enemies I incur among the dishonest.

"I warn you of this because I know it is bound to come. In the position to which President Wilson has appointed me I know full well that I can not always do as all of you think is right. However, if you think I am making a mistake come to me, tell me about it and if you convince me that I am wrong I'll turn right around and get right. Right is what I want to do and if I am not always successful it is not because I do not try."

Will Dispose of "Old Rose."

The topic assigned to the U. S. district attorney was "Our guest, may the charm of Hawaii be speedily apparent to him." He said: "It is too late to discuss this subject, the only place I could discuss it would be in the middle of the Pacific ocean during a storm. As the darky in the streets of Nashville would put it, 'They've done done it.' When I started for Hawaii I was under the misapprehension that this was the land of horrible comparisons: 'Where every prospect pleases and only man is vile.' I thought everybody here was a Republican. I was going to say that there have been a series of receptions tendered to me and mine but that would be incorrect, it has been one long sweet reception, ever since we came in sight of this beautiful land. I couldn't say any more of Nashville."

"If you have read carefully this evening's paper you will know that I failed to dispose of my cow before leaving Nashville. Well, I wrote back home today to Brother Stewart asking him how much he will bid for 'Old Rose.'"

"You good people of Hawaii are crediting me with much. I am already your debtor to such an extent that it will be hard for me to meet the obligation heaped upon me. I couldn't afford not to come up to your expectations, I would feel compelled to hide my head in shame and jump into the Pacific if I did not measure up to the high standards you have set for me."

Worked for Republican.

The speaker then paid a high tribute to the work of Robert W. Breckons, his predecessor, following with his declaration of principle. Continuing, he said: "In this country I can't tell a Democrat from a Republican, while in Tennessee I could tell 'em across a 40-acre tract. I am a son of the Confederacy and naturally a Democrat. Why I was 18 before I knew that 'damn Republican' was two words. However, the best Democrat is he who can see good in others, especially in Republicans, although to do that he needs mighty good eyesight."

"While I am a Democrat I am not in favor of the Democrat who is not upright. I am not in favor of the Democrat who violates the people's trust. Why, I went all over the state of Tennessee begging the people, pleading with the soldiers of the Confederacy to vote for a Republican. And I am not ashamed of it. He wasn't really a Republican anyway, he was a Democrat and didn't know it."

"I believe in every policy for which the Democratic party and President Wilson stands. We hear a lot of adverse criticism of Wilson's policies. What are Wilson's policies? I would like to ask? Wilson has no policies, they are the policies of Democracy, your politics and mine. Wilson might have gone into Mexico and spilled a lot of blood. And the man who adopts such a course usually profits by it. What a fine chance Wilson had to boost and advertise himself, but he did not take advantage of it. He is

too big, too humanitarian. These policies have been approved by the leading Republicans of the country. That should suffice for the disgruntled. Let us stand by these policies and give the administration a chance to make good."

History of Democracy.

Others among the long list of speakers reviewed the history of Democracy in Hawaii from its inception with a membership of but 13 to the present time. The sole exception being Mr. Breckons, who took exception to a majority of the contentions made by the Bourbon speakers, and with witticism upon witticism warned Mr. McCarn to beware of the hosts of the evening, cautioning him to question the motives of any who might offer him advice.

Toasts were drunk to "The President of the United States" and to "The Governor of Hawaii"—in water, followed by three cheers for each, the cheers being proposed for "The President" by W. R. Farrington, and J. A. M. Johnson, each stating that he made the proposal as "a Republican."

Judge Sanford B. Dole responded to "The Judiciary, Federal and Local, the Bulwark of Our Liberties." Judge Dole recited some interesting history of the courts, taking his listeners well back into the days of the monarchy. Senator Ambrose J. Wirtz had for his topic "Democracy in Hawaii," and handled his subject in an able manner, followed by L. L. McCandless on "Our Local Problems and How to Meet Them."

The next on the list was the guest of honor of the evening, Mr. McCarn being followed by Gabriel Keaweakua, who translated Hawaii's motto, "Ua mau ke Ea o ka Aina i ka Pono" (the life of the land is preserved by righteousness) and told of the origin and adoption of the motto. Mr. Keaweakua spoke in Hawaiian and in English.

In introducing Prof. William A. Bryan, whose toast was "The Scholar in Politics," Toastmaster Clarence Wilder Ashford roundly scored the press for references to President Wilson as "the Schoolmaster of Princeton." Prof. Bryan took exception to the criticism and voiced the belief that President Wilson must consider such reference an honor. He then pointed out the many men who had been taken from the field of education to fill positions of diplomacy and trust with the government and defied anyone to point out a single exception to success.

Senator James L. Cooke was on the program to respond to the toast, "The Unsuccessful Candidate," but was unable to be present, being detained at home by illness. However, he proved equal to the occasion by forwarding a letter which was ready by the toastmaster and showed the writer to be a good loser.

His Honor, J. J. Fern, mayor of the city and county of Honolulu, proved considerable of a spellbinder and told the assemblage of the difficulties under which the mayor of the city and county of Honolulu and his board of supervisors work in their efforts to disseminate knowledge to the rising

generation. He pointed out the inequitable manner in which the coin of the republic comes into the coffers of the city and county of Honolulu and the disadvantages which beset the administration and call for heavy thought and careful planning on the part of His Honor. Further, he stated that the city and county of Honolulu had been blessed, for to these three terms, with a mayor par excellence and predicted that it would be so blessed for the next 10 years. His address was received with spontaneous applause.

Position of Newspapers.

Richard H. Trent spoke on "The Sunny South" and was followed by Mr. Breckons whose toast was "Welcome the Coming, Speed the Parting Guest." "The New Freedom" was the topic assigned to Joseph Lightfoot and he predicted great things in store for the Democracy of Hawaii. Fred Terrell spoke in place of Mr. Cooke, telling of the days when he was pointed to with the finger of scorn as being a Democrat and comparing the past with the present, greatly to the advantage of the Democratic party.

R. O. Matheson, editor of the Advertiser, responded to the "Fourth Estate. Why was the stigma of inveteracy placed upon lawyers instead of upon reporters?" Mr. Matheson answered the question to the entire satisfaction of the members of the press present, although the legal lights—and there were many in the gathering—were somewhat skeptical. He said newspaper reporters were paid to tell the truth. Speaking for the English dailies Mr. Matheson promised Mr. McCarn that he would have the untold support of each, just so long as his actions were up to the standard promised and assured him that the request made by the district attorney that he be told when he was starting on a wrong track, also would be noted by the press and complied with to the letter.

The attendance was estimated at about 300 and was noted by a number of the speakers as the largest banquet ever given by the Democrats of Honolulu. It was a success from beginning to end and demonstrated capabilities for the enjoyment of a banquet minus "wet goods."

PORTO RICAN IS HELD FOLLOWING WOMAN'S DEATH

Americo Rivera, a Porto Rican, is held in custody by Sheriff William Jarrett, pending an investigation of shooting of Lola Amaro, a woman resident of Iwilei district, who died last evening as a result of a bullet that penetrated her body above the left breast.

Rivera will be brought before a jury summoned to meet at the sheriff's office tomorrow afternoon. He now claims that the firing of the revolver was accidental, that he had no grievance whatever against the woman, but had made a call and was displaying the weapon, a new automatic, when it exploded.

A jury visited the morgue this morning where the members were sworn in and ordered to meet at a later hour for the purpose of holding an inquest.

According to the statement of Santiago, said to be a cook at the home of the woman, Rivera and the girl had a few words, when the report of the pistol was heard. Two Porto Ricans are said to have been present at the time of the shooting.

Schofield Notes

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 16. Devotees of pistol shooting among the officers and enlisted men here have been much concerned over a possibility of having to reduce their practice since the adoption of the Colt's automatic pistol, caliber .45, because of the greatly increased cost of ammunition over the old .38 caliber revolver ammunition which was reasonably cheap and within the means of all. Now comes the ordinance department with the news that following in the footsteps of the manufacturers of the larger caliber automatic pistols abroad, it has designed and manufactured a .22 caliber barrel and cartridge holder to be used with the new automatic with an almost negligible cost for ammunition. According to the report of the ordinance department, the new design consists of a barrel similar to the regular pistol barrel and operated in the same manner, but having a .22 bore eccentric to the axis and so placed that the upper edge of the cartridge rim will be struck by the present firing pin. The caliber .22 cartridges, which may be of the model known commercially as "long" or "short," are placed in steel cartridge holders similar in form but slightly smaller than the regular .45 caliber ball cartridge. These steel cartridge holders are loaded into the magazine and fed into the chamber like the regular cartridge, except the slide must be operated by hand, as there is not sufficient recoil from the reduced charge to operate the pistol automatically. The chamber of this barrel has been made slightly smaller than that of the regular barrel, in order to prevent caliber .45 ammunition being used through mistake. The ordinance department expects to be able to issue these attachments to all organizations of the regular army and the organized militia armed with the new automatic pistol before the end of the target year of 1914.

A professor in the University of Padua has suggested a new identification system, that of photographing the veins of the hand.

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